



2005 Farm Bill Programs Activity in the San Juan River Basin Watershed

The Farm and Ranch Lands Protection Program (FRPP) is a voluntary program that helps farmers and ranchers keep their land in agriculture. It provides matching funds to state, Tribal, or local governments and non-governmental organizations with existing farmland protection programs to purchase conservation easements or other interests in land.

FY 2005 FRPP Activities				
County	Type	# of Contracts	Acres	Federal Share
Montezuma	Ranch	2	936	\$1,363,000
Total		2	936	\$1,363,000



The Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) was reauthorized in the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 (Farm Bill) to provide a voluntary conservation program for farmers and ranchers that promotes agricultural production and environmental quality. It provides financial and technical help to assist eligible participants install or implement structural and management conservation practices on eligible agricultural land.

FY 2005 EQIP Contract Funding in the San Juan River Watershed			
Natural Resource Concerns	Applications Received	Applications Contracted	\$ Amount Approved
Water Quality/Quantity	81	58	\$894,616
Grassland	13	9	\$78,405
Soil Erosion	3	3	\$71,721
Forestland	18	17	\$247,476
Wildlife	6	4	\$34,175
Southern Ute	2	2	\$37,204
Ute Mountain	1	1	\$132,423
Salinity - McElmo	37	21	\$540,952
Salinity - Mancos	26	12	\$1,967,845
Salinity - Wildlife	5	4	\$45,905
Total	192	131	\$4,050,722

The Wetlands Reserve Program (WRP), a voluntary program, offers landowners technical and financial support to protect, restore, and enhance wetlands on their property.

FY 2005 WRP Statewide Activities	
Number of Applications Received	.22
Number of Applications Contracted	.10
Dollar Amount Approved	\$3,090,800
Acres Under Contract	2,315
Statewide, another ten applications totaling \$4,483,489 are on the waiting list to fund 3,141 acres of easements.	

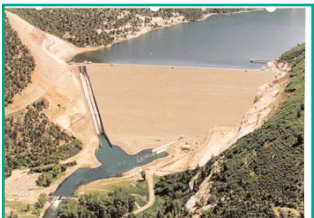
The Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP) is a voluntary program that encourages creation of high quality wildlife habitats that support wildlife populations of national, state, Tribal, and local significance. Through WHIP, NRCS provides technical and financial assistance to landowners and others to develop upland, wetland, riparian, and aquatic habitat areas on their property.

FY 2005 WHIP Statewide Activities	
Number of Applications Received	.79
Number of Applications Contracted	.33
Dollar Amount Approved	\$661,482
Acres Under Contract	11,215

The Grassland Reserve Program (GRP), a voluntary program, helps landowners restore and protect grasslands, while maintaining the areas as grazing lands. It emphasizes support for grazing operations, plant and animal biodiversity, and grassland under the greatest threat of conversion.

FY 2005 GRP Statewide Activities	
Applications Received	206
Applications Contracted	6
Dollars Approved	\$2,588,372
Acres Under Contract	13,679

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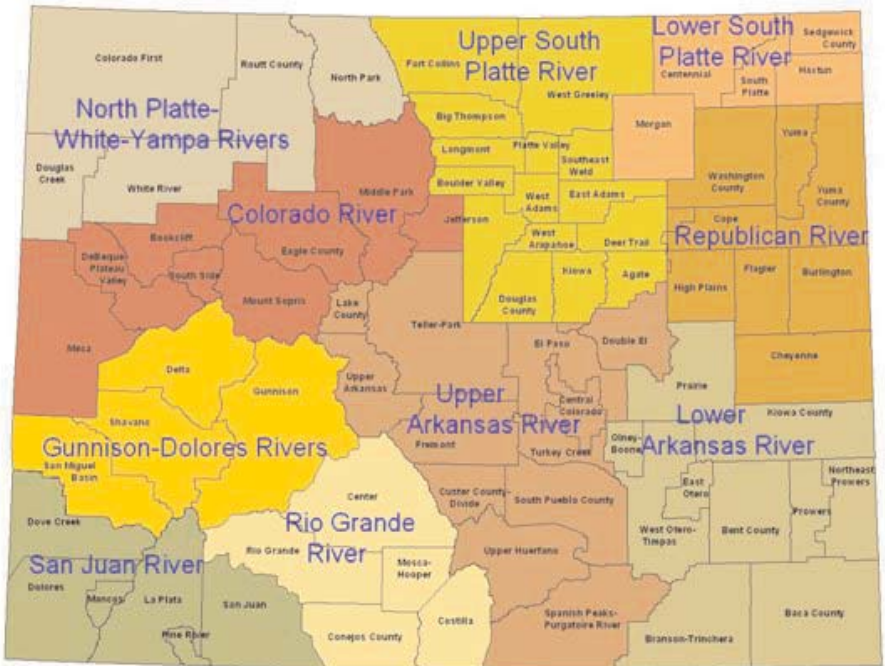


Watershed Profile

The San Juan River Basin Watershed totals 4,700,000 acres and includes all and/or parts of Archuleta, Dolores, Hinsdale, La Plata, Mineral, Montezuma, San Juan, and San Miguel Counties. NRCS natural resource specialists are staffed at the Cortez, Dove Creek, Durango, and Pagosa Springs USDA Field Service Centers to provide technical assistance, as well as incentive and cost-share program information to watershed residents.

NRCS Colorado looks to each watershed to identify its particular local resource needs and priorities. The Colorado Association of Conservation Districts (CACD) provides leadership in this effort to foster increased decision making at the local level. In the San Juan River Basin Watershed, six Conservation Districts organized a locally-led watershed work group which identified its major resource concerns as noxious weeds, water management, soil management, and growth. Ultimately, the work group will set goals, identify programs and other sources to address its natural resource concerns, develop proposals and recommendations, implement solutions, and measure success.

Colorado Watershed Associations and Conservation Districts



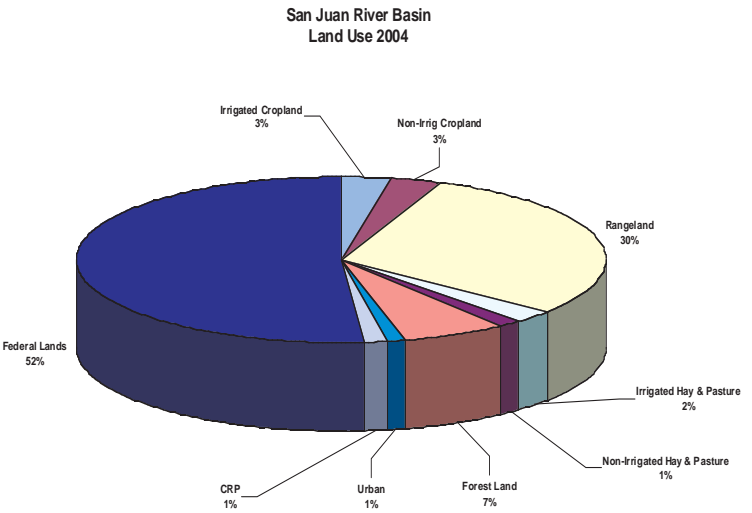
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High Priority
Resource Concerns

as identified by a locally-led Watershed Work Group

- Growth • Water Management • Soil Management • Noxious Weeds

Land Use

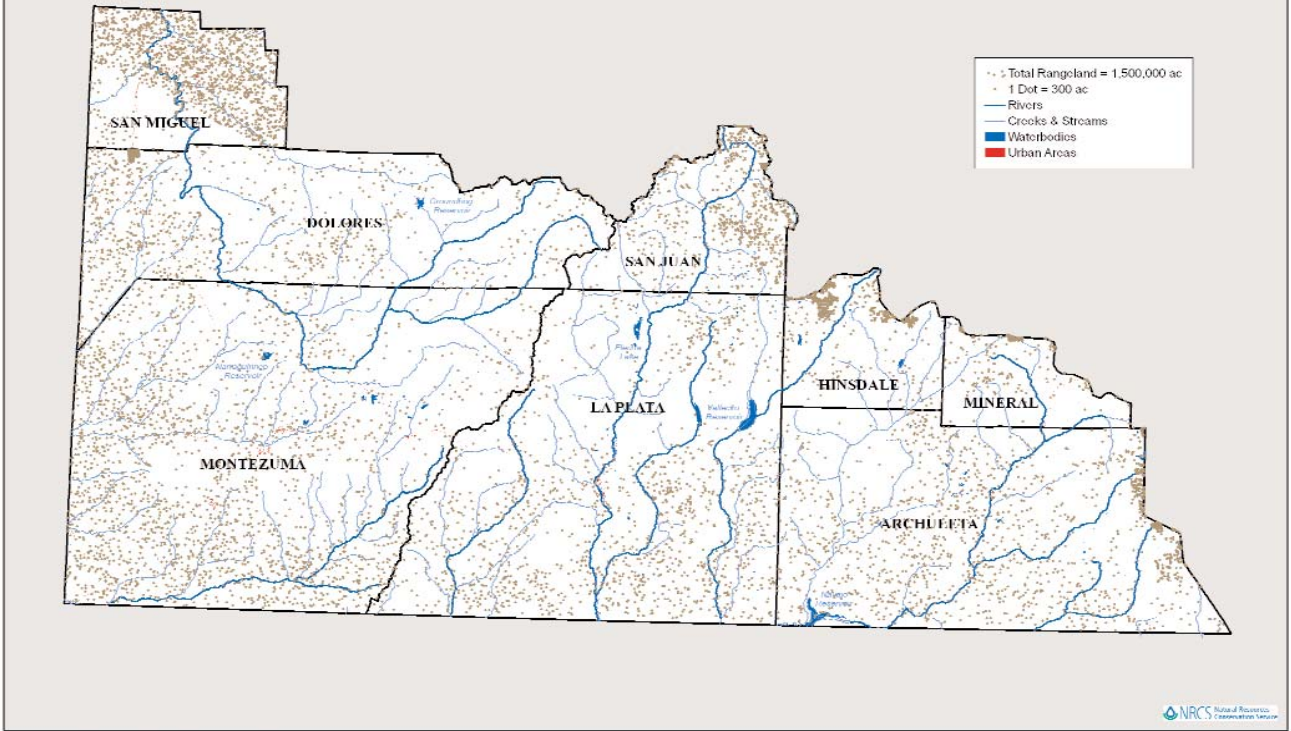


4,700,000 Acres

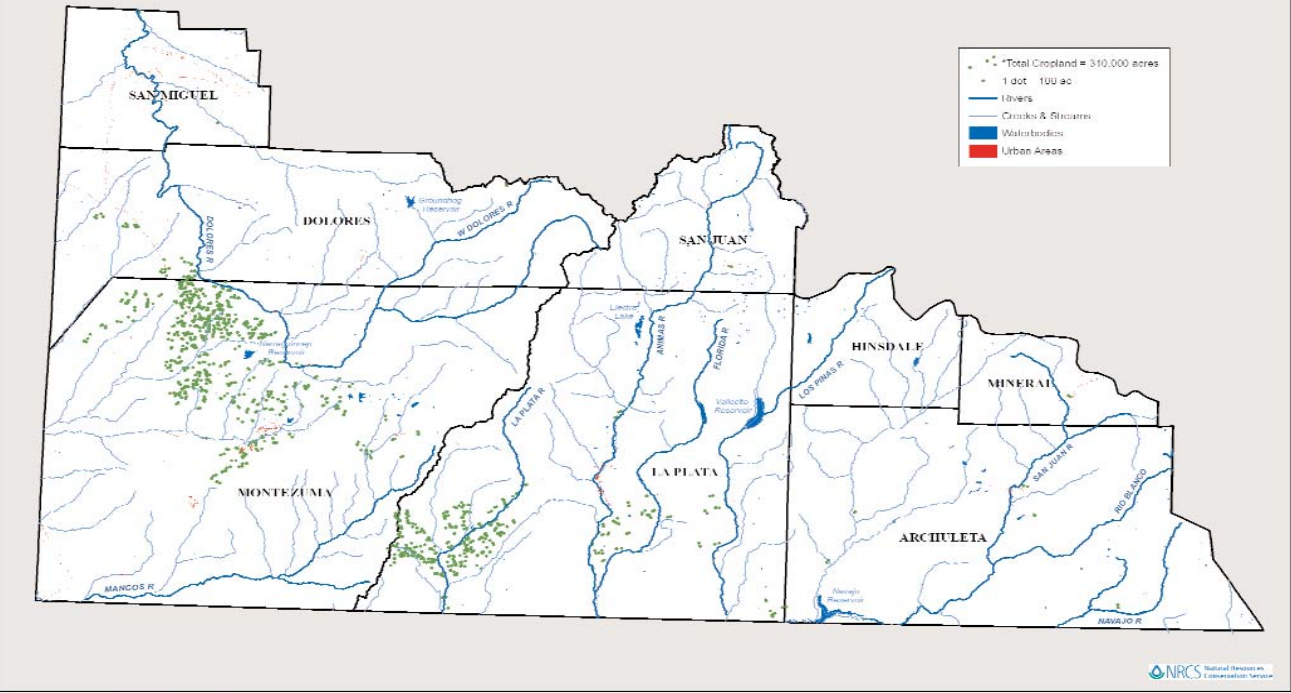
Acres

Irrigated Cropland	.160,000
Non-Irrigated Cropland	.150,000
Rangeland	.1,500,000
Irrigated Hay & Pasture	.125,000
Non-Irrigated Hay & Pasture	.71,000
Forestland	.330,000
Urban	.55,000
CRP	.67,048
Federal Lands	.2,600,000

San Juan River Watershed - Rangeland



San Juan River Watershed - Cropland



San Juan River Watershed - Average Annual Rainfall

